

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: SULFENYL COMPOUND, LABELING
REAGENT, AND METHOD OF ANALYZING
PEPTIDE

Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 14, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects nitro-substituted benzene sulfenyl group as the specific R group, Cl as the specific X group, and $^{13}\text{C}_6$ as the specifically labeled isotope. Applicant submits that these elections are readable on claims 10, 20-22 and 32-35. Applicant also elects tryptophan residue-containing peptide as the specific peptide, on which claims 32-42 and 43 are readable thereon.

Please note that Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicant also reserves the right to rejoin any applicable claims.

In light of the restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.